

BIRD SPECIES OBSERVED

COMMON NAME:

LOCATIONAL INFORMATION

DIRECTIONS: Provide detailed directions to the observation (rather than the survey site). Include landmarks, roads, towns, distances, compass directions.

TOWNSHIP/RANGE:

SECTION:

QUARTER-SECTION:

COUNTY:

OWNERSHIP: ☐ Public ☐ Private If Public, list managed area name:

WAS GPS USED? ☐ Y ☐ N

TYPE OF UNIT: ☐ Garmin ☐ Trimble ☐ Other

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE:

APPROX. DISTANCE OF GPS POINT FROM BIRD LOCATION (feet):

COMPASS DIRECTION OF BIRD LOCATION FROM GPS POINT:

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

1. Send a photocopy of the appropriate part of a USGS topographic map (1:24,000 scale if available) or other suitable map, and write the map scale on the photocopy. Please do NOT enlarge or reduce the map. USGS maps can be printed for free at the following website: www.topozone.com. Please mail the map with a copy of this form to: MNFI, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944.
2. Indicate on the map the exact location of the observation(s):
 - a. When the observed area is **no larger than a pen point** on the map (i.e., only a small number of individuals or extremely small area), place small points on the map indicating the location(s) of the individuals or area, and label each point with an arrow so they are more easily seen.
 - b. When the observed area is **larger than a pen point** on the map, (e.g., several individuals, foraging birds, rookeries, colonial nesting birds), draw a thin solid boundary line showing the extent of the observed area occupied by the individuals. Where needed, add notes to the map with instructions on where the boundary line is located or if the boundary is shared with other observations.
3. A hand drawn sketch may be included for finer details.

SURVEYOR INFORMATION

SURVEY DATE (Mo./Day/Year): _____ TIME from: _____ to: _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM

SURVEYORS (principal surveyor first, include first & last name, address, and phone number):

IDENTIFICATION

Photograph/slide taken? ☐ Y ☐ N If yes, please submit copy to MNFI.

Identification problems? ☐ Y ☐ N If yes, please describe:

DESCRIPTION OF OBSERVATION

TYPE OF OBSERVATION: ☐ Sight ☐ Song/Vocalization ☐ Road Kill ☐ Trapped ☐ Other (explain):

ABUNDANCE (number of pairs, chicks, nests, adults, juveniles, hatchlings, etc.):

Actual number observed:

Estimated Number (describe method of estimation):

CONDITION OF OCCURRENCE

HABITAT DESCRIPTION: Describe the specific habitat where the bird was observed. Convey a mental image of the habitat and its features including: land forms, aquatic features, vegetation, slope, aspect, soils, associated plant and animal species, natural disturbances. Also describe the condition of the surrounding landscape (e.g., farmland, residential area, pristine forest).

THREATS: Check all current or potential threats that apply.

☐ Grazing ☐ Logging ☐ Mining ☐ ATVs ☐ Dumping ☐ Drainage ☐ Exotic Species (specify below) ☐ Other (explain below)